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THE NEWPORT MERCURY was established in June, 1788, and is now in its one hundred and twenty-sixth year. It is the oldest newspaper in the Union, and, with less than half a dozen exceptions, the oldest printed in the English language. It is a large quarto, weekly of fifty-six columns, filled with interesting, reliable, and useful news, and general news, well-selected miscellany and general news, and household department, including the limited space given to advertising is very valuable to business men.

Local Matters.

Tribute to the Officers and Crew of the Cutter.

An informal meeting was held at noon yesterday at the office of Ex-Gov. Van Zandt to take preliminary action in regard to taxifying the appreciation of the people of Newport to the officers and men of the cutter Dexter for their praiseworthy services, in saving lives from the wrecked steamer City of Columbus. There were present Ex-Governor Van Zandt, Col. John H. Powell, Col. W. A. Steadman, Col. John H. Cozzens, Col. A. C. Landers, F. G. Harris, Senator T. M. Seabury, Representative Clark H. Burdick, John G. Weaver and John P. Sanborn. Gov. Van Zandt presided. The opinion of the heroic conduct of the officers and men demanded some public recognition. It was decided to hold a public meeting of the citizens sometime next week to take the proper measures to present some such testimonial. Messrs. Weaver, Landers and Harris were appointed a committee to make all necessary arrangements for such a meeting, and His Honor Mayor Franklin, and Messrs. Harris and Landers were appointed a finance committee to procure funds to pay the expense of such meeting and suitable testimonials. All present spoke in the highest terms of the brave deeds of the officers and crew of the cutter, and all felt that the people of Newport would esteem it a privilege to do something to express their appreciation of these brave men.

The Ice Harvest.

A regular January thaw has prevailed here for the past two or three days, Thursday being decidedly rainy, and the excellent sleighing of the early part of the week has entirely disappeared. The mild weather came too late this time, however, to cause any serious trouble for the ice dealers. The various houses of the Newport and Lily Pond Ice Companies are all full as are also the numerous private houses, while those of the Citizens' Ice Company and of Isaac Clarke are nearly supplied. The two former companies have put in about 15,000 and 10,000 tons, respectively, and though annoyed some by the changeable weather, the harvest has been attended with excellent good luck. The ice is of extra good quality, averaging from eight to eleven inches in thickness, and being perfectly clear. The Newport Ice Company say that for quality and quantity it is the best season they have ever had. This latter company have ordered a thousand tons of Eastern ice for their depot on Commercial wharf, which will complete their supply. The Newport Ice Company and the Lily Pond Company were about six and six and three-quarter days, respectively, in making the harvest.

Lieut. John U. Rhodes.

Lieutenant John U. Rhodes of the revenue cutter Samuel Dexter, whose gallant conduct at the recent Gay Head disaster is described in another column, is a native of Fair Haven, Conn., where he was born on the 23d of September, 1850. Entering the service from that state as third lieutenant on June 17, 1873, he received his present commission of second lieutenant on May 17, 1880, and is at present 25 on the list. He served on the Boatwail at Ogdensburg, and Colfax at Wilmington, respectively, until 1880, when he came to the Dexter at this station. He remained here until April, 1881, when his wife, who belonged to North Carolina, being in poor health, he exchanged stations with Lieut. Tuttle, who wished to come North, and returned to the Colfax. His wife dying about two months ago he again came to this station on the 1st of December last. He has always been spoken of wherever known in the highest terms as an officer and a gentleman, but the opportunity to especially distinguish himself had never offered itself until the terrible wreck at Gay Head. His family consists of two young daughters who live at New Haven, Conn.

Artillery Lecture Course.

The Hon. Thomas Finch having cancelled his engagement with the Artillery Co., the committee consider themselves very fortunate in being able to secure so good a substitute as Miss Phoebe Conzins of St. Louis, one of the most distinguished lady orators now on the lecture platform. "A graceful, witty and eloquent speaker, she holds the closest attention of an audience, and convinces by unanswerable argument, addressed alike to heart and brain." She is a graduate of the Washington University, where she received the degree of LL. B., and has been admitted to practice in all the courts of Missouri. Season ticket holders will use the Hon. Thomas Finch, or No. 8 ticket.

The Union Congregational at Sunday School will give one of their old time exhibitions consisting of recitations, dialogues, solos, duets, trios and choruses, in the church, Division street on Tuesday evening, Jan. 29th.

THE GREAT WINTER FAIR.

An Immense Success—Large Crowds Every Night—Much Enthusiasm on the Part of the Young Ladies' Soliloquy Funds and the Nibbles Pennies Rapidly Change Hands—Governor Mourn and Staff Present Thursday Evening.

The great winter fair of the Aqueduct Agricultural Society commenced in the Opera House Monday evening, and has continued each afternoon and evening since. It will close this evening, making one entire week of fair. The committee in charge of the fair have worked long and arduously in its behalf, and the gratifying success thus far indicates that the people appreciate their efforts to furnish a week's entertainment for them. The Opera House has been decorated with great taste, and with much labor and expense. In the centre of the auditorium is a beautiful flower bower, of circular form, with columns elegantly decorated, having upon the top of each a pot of beautiful artificial flowers. This charming place is presided over by Miss Annetta M. Greene, with an able corps of assistants.

Back of the flower stand is the "wall" where thirty mortals quench their thirst with cooling lemonade deftly handled by the mistress of the wall, Miss Rebecca Wood.

Around the sides of the house under the galleries are the various departments. The first on the right from the stage is the charming fairy lake, the delight of all the children and liberally patronized by old as well as young. The beautiful gondola which sails on this tempestuous sea was manufactured by Mr. Wm. Carry. The mistress of the fair is Mrs. George W. Barlow.

The next object of interest is the fruit stand, presided over by Mrs. Sidney B. Gladding, and decorated in a beautiful and artistic manner by herself and husband. The other tables are all gracefully trimmed and present a very pleasing feature of the fair. Next after the fruit table in regular order are the apron table in charge of Miss Edna Brown; the cake table, Miss Sarah Weaver; fancy table, Miss Anna Hazard; and Mrs. John T. Tripp; candy table, Mrs. Mattie Goffe. Each of these ladies are ably assisted by willing and active assistants.

On the stage is the gift table which yields new fruit every night, and which is under the special charge of Miss Solie Norman. The slight, two guests please, the large and beautiful doll occupy prominent places at the front of the stage. In the centre is an elegant pyramid of fruit, arranged with much care and taste by Carl Hartgen, while at the back are the supper and ice cream tables, which are liberally patronized. The supper tables are in charge of Mrs. Thomas Harrington, Mrs. Wm. A. Peckham, Mrs. Rebecca Anthony, Mrs. Josiah Peckham, Mrs. Jacob Weaver, Mrs. John Black, Mrs. W. H. Westcott, Mrs. A. C. Landers, Mrs. James H. Taylor, Mrs. Banj. F. Davis, Mrs. Wm. L. Sisson and Miss Thyr Barker, cashier. The ice cream table is in charge of Miss Sadie Spooner and Miss Harriet Anthony, cashier, with an able corps of assistants. The soda fountain is in charge of Miss Katie Yett. The boxes are all handsomely decorated, and are used as the business offices for the officers of the fair.

The fair opened Monday evening with some four hundred people in attendance. At eight o'clock His Honor Mayor Franklin made a brief address and declared the institution formally opened, after which the ladies with small books in hand set bravely to work collecting the dimes, quarters, halves, etc. from the multitude. This laudable work they have kept up ever since with a good degree of success.

Tuesday evening the crowd increased so that standing room was somewhat limited and locomotion decidedly impeded. The gallery was well filled during the entire evening. The first drawing of prizes took place this evening, and created considerable excitement, the lucky holders of successful tickets, bearing off their trophies with smiling countenances.

Wednesday evening the attendance reached its climax. Standing room was at a premium, and in the gallery every seat was taken. Many came presumably to see the Governor, who unfortunately was compelled to go to New York that day and consequently could not reach Newport. The crowd, however, enjoyed itself, apparently, for it was after 11 o'clock before there was any perceptible diminution in numbers. The second drawing of prizes took place, the result of which gave elsewhere. The young ladies in charge of the various voting departments increased their lists very rapidly this evening, and the pocket-books of the young men were rapidly depleted.

Thursday all day the rain came down in torrents and the evening was decidedly dark, damp and disagreeable. Notwithstanding the weather there were some four hundred persons present. His Excellency Governor Bourn and Col. Eddy and Landers and other of his staff were present, and remained till the "last gun was fired." They thoughtfully and distributed their cash liberally to the handsome young ladies who had ponies, poodles, sleighs, chamber sets, etc., to dispose of. At about 9:30 His Honor Mayor Franklin and Gov. Bourn and staff set down to a supper on the stage, prepared for His Excellency by the ladies in charge of the supper tables. The other invited guests were Representative Bull of Middletown, Alderman Waters, Councilman Greene, Collector Cozzens, ex-Councilman Burdick, F. M. Ware and F. G. Harris. The evening ladies proved a very pleasant one indeed, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather outside. The receipts of the evening footed up very liberally.

The pony and phaeton are taking well, and many tickets have been sold, the drawing will take place this evening. Miss Edna Brown and Miss Mary Van Alstyne have charge of soliciting subscriptions for this raffle.

The elegant chamber set, presented by the Providence Furniture Company, is also bringing in much income to the fair. Miss Mary Douglas and Miss Rebecca Greene are carrying on a generous rivalry in the soliciting of subscriptions for this set. The young lady getting the most names is to receive a handsome present from the Providence Furniture Company.

The base ball contest to date stands as follows: Newport, 95; Dreadnaughts, 63;

Mutuals, 63; Fort Adams, 16; Atlantic, 11. The contest for the most popular policeman: James G. Albion, 35; B. F. Davis, 31; Ohas. Gillian, 14; Wm. Denman, 6; Martin Curley, 6; Chas. Ackers, 2. The most popular sea captain seen to be Capt. Waters, Townsend, Kelley and Clifford.

The officers of the fair whose labors have made it so complete a success are His Honor Mayor Franklin, president; John J. Peckham, Secretary; M. Hall, Treasurer; Col. A. C. Landers, Superintendent; Thomas Burdick, John Black, Assistant Superintendents; William A. Peckham, James Anthony, Wm. O. Greene, Geo. P. Lawton, Abram Almy, Sidney H. Gladding, Wm. J. Cozzens and F. G. Harris.

This evening will complete the week's entertainment when all the principal prizes will be drawn; the lucky holders of prize numbers on the coupon tickets will be announced, after which all the goods remaining unsold will be disposed of by auction. This will be the most interesting evening of the week.

The following have been the lucky persons during the past four nights, together with the list of articles which have been drawn by them:

Jackpot, Mrs. G. A. Muenchinger; Trio Silver Spangled Hamburgs, Maurice Butler; Trio Bantams, Willie Gratrix; On the tree, First prize, Lamp, F. M. Ware; 2d prize, Duzon Engraved Goblets, D. L. Cummings; Jar of Peas, H. R. Anthony; Jar of Herbs, Mrs. Stafford Brayer; Box Desert Waters, John J. Peckham; Box French Fruit, R. S. Franklin; Duplex Lamp, Mrs. S. P. Sisson; White Carriage Robe, H. Bull, Jr.; Sleigh Bells, Mrs. H. Bull, Jr.; Turkey to J. H. Taylor, correct guess on Weight, 18 lb. 11 oz.; Box French Fruit, J. J. Flood; Jar of Prunes, Miss A. M. Greene; Two Cans Fruit, James G. Albion; Jar of Pine Apples, F. M. Ware; Case of Pond Lilies, W. A. Chase; Water Color Painting, James S. Peckham; Gussess Turkey, No. 2, J. Kelly; 9 lb. 4 oz.; J. H. Wetherell; 9 lb. 12 oz.; Corral Weight, 9 lb. 8 oz.; Kelly and Wetherell drew lots for the turkey and Kelly won; Ludlow Silver Watch, J. H. Wetherell; Five lbs. Sugar, S. A. Potter; Jar of Peas, Samuel Egan; Two Boxes Sardines, W. P. Clarke, Jr.; Jar of Sardines, D. E. Young; Paper Table, Samuel Egan; One box Wafers, John H. Wetherell; One Picture, Benjamin Howland; Fancy Doll, Lewis Lawton; One pair Horse Blankets, C. L. Tew; Whip, John Black; Two Cushions, H. Bull, Jr.; Large Cane, E. L. Hildreth; Marble Cane, H. S. Peckham; Wax Cane, William Goffe; Cabinet, Lewis Lawton; Willow Fan, W. J. Cozzens; Jar Peas, M. W. Hall; Jar Plumbe, Maggie Rose; Basket Fruit, Mrs. W. J. Cozzens; Box Wafers, Russell Allen; Jar Herries, J. H. Wetherell; Jar Plum Apple, R. S. Franklin; Three Cans Fruit, J. Whitlir; Paper Table, John Waters.

The Cutter Dexter and Her Officers.

The gallant part taken by the revenue cutter Dexter and her officers and men in saving lives from the wrecked steamer City of Columbus, is graphically told by the New Bedford Mercury. It says:

U. S. revenue cutter Dexter left Newport at about 6 a. m. Friday morning and steamed to the south of Block Island, passing the lightship at noon. An officer of the vessel furnished the following statement to the Mercury reporter: "At about 12:30 we sighted a vessel ashore on the reef near Gay Head. The wind was blowing a gale from the westward, and a terrible sea was running. As we approached we saw the vessel was a steamer, and the waves were breaking over her. We discovered men clinging to the rigging, and finally anchored on her starboard quarter, 300 or 350 yards away. The cutter was at once lowered, manned by five men in charge of Lieut. Rhodes, who brought off seven men. A return was made and one man was brought to the vessel. Lieut. Kennedy was then dispatched in the gig with four men and took off four or five men. Meanwhile the lifeboat transferred several men to the cutter and at length the rigging was clear. The vessel sank in about four fathoms of water and the sailing at the bow was the only portion of the hull visible. We found the men in the fore and main top and rigging. It was impossible to row over the vessel, as the boats would have been pounded in pieces. The men in the rigging were forced to jump into the sea, and we caught them as they arose to the surface and pulled them into the boats. Some of the men could not swim, but nearly every one in the rigging was saved. One man, Eugene McGarry, jumped from the rigging. Lieut. Rhodes reached for him but the boat was lifted fifteen feet on a crest and it was necessary to give way to starboard to avoid being swamped. The poor man was not seen afterwards. At the same instant, nearly McGarry's brother was pulled into the boat. Capt. Wright was among the last to leave the ship. Two men who were frozen so stiff that they were unable to relinquish their hold on the rigging, were at length the only persons remaining on the ill-fated vessel except the captain. Lieut. Rhodes asked him to jump, but the captain shouted back: 'Save those men first.' They are frozen," was the lieutenant's answer. The captain then jumped, and, although he could not swim a stroke, he was rescued by floating, although the sea was strewn with wreckage. We left the wreck at 6 p. m. for this city."

When quite a young man Mr. Stewart entered the livery stable of Seabury and Tennant on Green street. This stable was owned by Thomas Seabury, father of the Hon. T. M. Seabury, and the late John P. Tennant. When the Fall River line of stages was opened by the late Rufus B. Kinley, Mr. Stewart was one of his drivers till 1853, when he established himself in the livery stable business of his own on Davis Wharf. Later he was the agent for the Bay state line of steamers, which place he held for many years, acting at the same time as Harbor Master. About thirty-five years ago he moved to his present location on Pelham street, where his business has grown to be one of the most extensive of the kind in New England.

He was a man much respected by all who knew him. He attended strictly to his own affairs and never meddled with the affairs of others. He studiously avoided all public offices, and lived and died a private citizen. He leaves a widow and three sons to mourn his loss.

His oldest son, William W., resides in Fall River, Anthony, Jr., and James C. in this city. The funeral took place Thursday and was attended by most of our leading citizens. The bearers were Messrs. John G. Weaver, John C. Braman, James C. Swan and William Bailey.

Henry A. Palmer.

Henry A. Palmer, the eldest son of Benj. G. and the late Mary W. Palmer, died at his father's residence on Church street Tuesday night, in the 19th year of his age. Henry was a young man of great promise and won the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He was a printer by trade, and served about a year of his apprenticeship in this office. He subsequently entered the employ of J. A. & R. A. Reid, Providence, where, at the time his illness forced him to give up work, he was considered one of the ablest pressmen in the establishment. He went West last fall in the vain hope of regaining his health, but growing weaker instead of stronger, returned home several weeks ago, since which time he has been confined to the house. The funeral was solemnized from his father's residence yesterday at 1 o'clock.

Lieut. Rhodes' Heroism.

The heroic bearing of the officers of the Dexter is extremely commendable. The trip to the wreck in the small boat in the heavy sea was a most hazardous undertaking, and required unflinching courage. Lieut. Rhodes performed a heroic act which must elicit the most hearty admiration. Two men hung in the rigging unable to move from exhaustion. The officer determined to save the men at the peril of his life, and upon returning to the cutter asked Capt. Gabrielson to give him a man to steer, that he might swim to the wreck and rescue the unfortunate men. Capt. Gabrielson granted the request, and Lieut. Roath was placed in the boat. But on nearing the steamer it was found to be folly to attempt to go alongside. Lieut. Rhodes boarded the lifeboat and tying a rope about his waist until he was within about thirty feet of the vessel, when he sprang into the sea.

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reached the vessel when he was struck by a piece of timber on the leg and sank. He was pulled aboard the boat and taken to the cutter. His leg was found to be cut, but after changing his clothing, as the sea was smoother, he determined to make a last attempt. He again set out for the wreck, and this time the men were reached. One was hanging with his feet and arms through the railings and his head was hanging. Lieut. Rhodes put a bowline about him when he murmured: "For God's sake don't touch me." The man, who was afterwards found to be Mr. Richardson, was placed in the boat but died before reaching the cutter. About \$400 was found in a wallet in his pocket. The second man, who was the last person removed from the wreck, was in the railings in the weather rigging, and, although breathing when placed in the boat, he also expired before reaching the Dexter.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

Charles H. Russell. One of our oldest and best known residents has gone. Charles Handy Russell of New York, a native of Newport, and for many years a resident here in the summer season, where many a distinguished guest has enjoyed his generous hospitality, died at his residence in New York on Monday evening, in the 80th year of his age.

Mr. Russell was born at Newport in 1796, and was the son of Major Thomas Russell, of the Continental Army, and grandson of Charles Handy, a prominent merchant and landowner of this town. When a young man Mr. Russell began business with Mr. Ohas. Potter of Providence, and afterwards became a partner with that gentleman in the importing trade, during which business connection he passed a great deal of his time in Europe. In the year 1826 Mr. Russell went to New York and was to active business for twenty years under the firm name of Messrs. Chas. H. Russell & Co. The deceased was a director of the Providence and Boston railroad, and took an active part in the early organization of that corporation. He was the last surviving member of the original board of directors of the Bank of Commerce. He was one of the original commissioners of Central Park, which position he held for thirteen years. He became a member of the Chamber of Commerce in 1828 and also a member of the New York Historical Society about the same time, and continued his membership of both organizations until his death. He was a director of the Atlantic Mutual Marine Insurance Company for nearly fifty years, and at different periods was connected with other institutions and companies as director or trustee, among them the Hudson River Railroad, New York Central Railroad and Pacific Mail Steamship Company. He was for more than twenty years a trustee in the Jewell Library, and also took an active interest in the Wickford railroad. During the Dorr Rebellion he served as a staff officer in the law and order party. Mr. Russell was a widower from the formation of that party, and during its existence, and then became an active member of the republican party. He took a great interest in all public matters, but repeatedly declined political office tendered him by the national and state governments. Mr. Russell was an active member of the Union Defense Committee of New York, and had much to do with the fitting out of New York regiments for his war, and he also contributed largely of his time and means to the support of the government during that trying time. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Ann Rodman of Providence, whom he married in 1818. She died in 1842. His second wife was Miss Caroline Howland, daughter of Mr. Samuel S. Howland, senior member of the old house of Messrs. Howland & Aspinwall, of New York. Six children—two sons and four daughters—survive him.

Anthony Stewart.

Mr. Anthony Stewart died at his residence in this city at about 11 o'clock Monday night in the 77th year of his age. He had been unwell for a long time. Nearly two years ago he was injured by a horse at his farm in Middletown, and that injury was the cause of his death, for he has not been a well man since.

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CITY COUNCIL.

A Liberal City Government—\$380,532.76 Appropriated for the Coming Year—A Tax of \$10.40 on Every \$1000 Assessed—Engine Companies Six and Eight to Have New Horse Carriages.

A special meeting of the City Council was held Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of arranging the city finances for the ensuing year. President Barker presided over the Common Council, and, in the absence of His Honor Mayor Franklin and Alderman Langley, Alderman Hopkins was called to the chair in the Board of Aldermen.

The committee on Finance reported the following amount as necessary for the expenses of the various departments during the ensuing municipal year, and on recommendation of the committee an ordinance was passed appropriating the amounts as reported:

Streets and Highways	\$75,000.00
State Tax	35,368.25
Fire Department	24,000.00
School Department	31,455.00
Police Department	21,400.00
Salaries	17,410.00
Incidentals	2,000.00
Gas and Lamps	24,000.00
Paupers and Vagrants	6,000.00
Newport Asylum	4,000.00
Watering Streets	3,000.00
Books, Stationery, etc.	1,500.00
Hotel House, 3d Ward	750.00
Ward Meetings	400.00
Public Parks	600.00
Water Supply	10,000.00
Removal of House Offal	3,450.00
New Engine House, 3d Ward	7,000.00
New Engine House, 3d Ward	10,000.00
Sinking Fund	5,000.00
Bonds and Coupons	6,710.00

It was voted to tax all taxable property of the city at the rate of \$10.40 on every \$1000, this being 1 per cent of the valuation for current expenses, and 4 mills per cent. for the state tax, bonds, etc.

The report of the Committee on Streets and Highways for the seven months ending December 31, 1883, shows an expense in the street department of \$36,704.67, leaving a balance of \$107.15; in the sewer department of \$22,401.08, with a balance of \$48.92. Two thousand three hundred and seventy lineal feet of new macadamized road had been made and 1500 lineal feet of road, partially worn, had been recovered with crushed stone and rolled during that time, and in addition to these many streets had been repaired and repaved. The report also showed the work of crushing stone to have been prosecuted till November 1. There were 601 tons of quarried stone, and 2,353 tons of crushed stone on hand December 31, last. New sewers were laid in a large number of streets and old ones were extended and repaved.

The report of Health Officer Joseph Sherman showed the seven months ending Dec. 31, last, to have been unusually healthy, no contagious disease having existed here during that time. The number of sailors sent to the hospital during that time for treatment was ten, all of whom recovered except one.

A petition from R. Pampally and others, asking that the present lights on Catherine street be replaced with electric lights, was referred to the committee on Gas and Lamps.

The petition of Jacob S. Hanson for permission to connect his estate on Connection street with the sewer in that street, was granted.

An application from Schoenfelder Brothers for a license to hold a masquerade ball in the Opera House on the evening of February 18, next, was granted, a charge of \$2 being made.

The bonds of City Clerk Stevens, City Treasurer Osgoodhall and Probate Clerk Barker were accepted.

A petition from Richard Golden and other resident taxpayers on East Bowery street, asking that the petition of John M. Martin, for permission to transfer a liquor license to that street, be refused, was received.

The petition of John M. Martin for a transfer of liquor license to East Bowery street, which had been duly advertised three times, was laid on the table.

Alderman Waters, Chairman of the Fire Department committee offered a resolution in accordance with recommendations of the Board of Firewards, authorizing the committee to purchase two new four-wheel hose carriages for Nos. 6 and 8 engine companies, which was passed.

His Honor the Mayor arriving at this time, Alderman Hopkins vacated the chair and offered a resolution authorizing the fire department to procure plans, estimates, etc., for a new engine house and ward room in the third ward, which was passed.

A resolution, re-committing Engine Company No. 4's roll to the Board of Firewards was passed.

A resolution instructing the committee on Police to consider and report on the advisability of the city furnishing police uniforms without charge, was passed.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee the City Treasurer was instructed to make his deposits in the Newport National Bank, the proposal of that institution to receive deposits and pay all over drafts for the ensuing year for \$1200 having been accepted.

The Newport Gas Light Company are having a new gas holder erected on Thames street, just north of old Fort road for an increase of storage. It will be 110 feet in diameter and 26 feet deep, and is to be enclosed by a building of brick. It will be similar to those now in use by the company, but will be about thirty feet larger in diameter. Over 600,000 brick are required for the building and the cost will be about \$40,000. Between fifty and sixty men are employed on the work which is expected will be finished some time in May.

There is a great deal of gossip in society at present, says the American Queen, about the divorced wife of a well-known society man, now in Paris, who is soon to be married to a Polish nobleman, richer in titles and Christian names than in money. The divorced wife has settled on her former husband \$50,000 a year for life, which, under all the circumstances, is liberal and kind.

A Disabled Tug.

The unusual amount of steam-whistling that was heard throughout our city on Tuesday afternoon, and drew a large number of persons to the water front, proceeded from the tug "Hancock Bros.", which towed out the N. J. pilot boat Edwin E. Barrett, No. 8. When back of the Torpedo Station an order was given from the tug to "let go the line," which was not promptly obeyed on the pilot boat, the result being that when it was let go the line fouled the wheel, winding around it and completely disabling it, and the whistle was blown for assistance. A New York tug boat, and the U. S. Training School's tug Chabasset, answered the signal, promptly hastening to the disabled boat; the latter reached her first and towed her into a place of security, where her wheel was released from its captivity, and who was ready for service on Wednesday morning. The wind was blowing heavily at the time, and the promptitude of the tug in going to the rescue merited approbation.

A Peddler Assaulted.

A man giving the name of Edger Barker of 16 White street, appeared at the Station House last Sunday and reported having been assaulted on his team the night before while prosecuting his vocation—that of a peddler. He said that while driving along Warner street at about 8 o'clock, a stranger hailed him with "What are you selling?" and then immediately mounted the team and grabbed him, dragging him from his seat to the ground; that the stranger then kicked him several times about the body, after which he beat a hasty retreat. Barker said his assailant had a heavy black mustache and was dressed in a fur cap and brown overcoat with pants tucked in his boots, and appeared to be a foreigner. He thinks the object was robbery, but as nothing was stolen and no attempt to actually steal made, it is not improbable that the man was a "little fall" and spooling for a fight.

Exhibition of Mechanical Pictures.

A very interesting and instructive entertainment was given in the vestry of the Second Baptist church on Thursday evening, which was well attended, notwithstanding the storm. The entertainment consisted of the exhibition of one hundred scenes by means of the stereopticon, producing scenic effects both startling and beautiful. A snow storm scene was produced, as also the playing of a fountain, and numberless other effects, both instructive and amusing. The interest was heightened by the very vivid explanations given by the doctor during the progress of the exhibition. No better entertainment could be provided for a Sunday school than this proved to be. It will be repeated in Tour chapel next Thursday evening.

G. A. R. Election.

Andrew McMahon of this city, a past commander of U. S. Lawton Post, No. 5, G. A. R., was Thursday, elected Department Commander, of the Department of Rhode Island. The other officers are:

Senior Vice Department Commander—Eugene A. Gurey Post 1, Providence, Junior Vice Department Commander—Theodore A. Adams Post 10, Providence. Medical Director—Dr. Willard H. Greene, Post 4, Providence. Department Chaplain—D. O. Eason, Post 1, Providence.

Old Newport Schools.

New Bedford, January 13th, 1884.

Editor Newport Mercury: Six: In the Newport Mercury dated Jan. 5th you gave an account of the school taught by the Misses Stratton, and say "Perhaps some one will be led to supplement it by a sketch of the school taught by the Misses Godfrey."

Perhaps no one is living in Newport now who recollects anything of the establishment of the school, as it was before 1811, but it was continued until 1837. Miss Godfrey, the principal, had been teaching in Taunton at the Bristol Academy, but returned to Newport to assist in the support of a widowed mother and sisters, and associated with herself her sister, Miss Ansties, as she was uniformly called, the other name being seldom used.

The entrance to the school room was not through a dark entrance, but through the family kitchen, up into a light pleasant room with two windows at the east and two at the west, but entered by stories and door-way which were not one of the curiosities of ancient Newport architecture. Politeness was the first lesson taught, but not the most important, but every party entered and departed with a salutation. The three "R's" were faithfully taught, also geography as old as Morse's, and going on until Mitchell's complete geography and Atlas were used. "Ologies" had not come as much into use as now, except theology, but every Friday afternoon the pupils recited a piece of poetry, and then were instructed in the Assembly's Catechism. Sewing, both plain and fancy, were also taught with great care and nicety, and often little girls could be seen trudging home with a garment they had made all themselves even to stitching and button holes; and many a little one's pride has been pleased by having a muslin embroidered cape or some other article of dress to be worn on that day of days, Election Day. On those good old days of quaint manners and simple living; most of those dear old people have passed on, those that remain must be classed with the "oldest inhabitants" even in that long-lived place, dear old Newport, loved once and forever.

The Classical Chamber Concert given in Channing church Thursday evening by the Beethoven Club of Boston, and Mrs. Rollwagen was a very enjoyable affair, and was attended by a large audience notwithstanding the bad weather.

Mr. Wm. B. Bliss has recovered from his recent illness.

CITY BRIEFS.

Settling of Newport and Newport.

Why is a trifling indebtedness like a song? Because it is a little ode.

Mr. Philip Rider and family are in New York.

Mr. Geo. H. Norman of this city, is to build the water works for Gloucester, Mass.

Rev. Edwin B. Gould recently of Milford, will preach in the First Baptist Church to-morrow.

Mr. Wm. G. Weld of this city has been elected one of the trustees of the Butler Hospital in Providence.

The Mutual Base Ball club gave a social Wednesday night which was well attended by the friends of the club.

The engagement of Miss Ella Dickey, daughter of Mr. Hugh T. Dickey of New York, to the Rev. George Douglas of Trinity Parish, New York, is announced.

The Rhode Island Almanac for 1884, by Gen. A. Stockwell, is a valuable production. The tables are computed for the standard time.

Recent improvements to the Chapel of the United Congregational Church include a new carpet, and the old settees have been replaced by new chairs.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

From all Parts of the World.

Earthquake in North Carolina.
WILMINGTON, Jan. 18.—The shock of an earthquake was felt in this city about eight o'clock this morning. A number of families at breakfast reported as being very perceptible, shaking the crockery on the tables. Telegrams from Fort Macon report that the shock was felt at Beaufort a little earlier than at this place. At that point the jar was sufficient to shift a stove pipe from position and unlatch a door.

CONTAGIOUS. Jan. 18.—A sharp and violent earthquake shock occurred here at about two o'clock this morning. Many were awakened and things were shaken up generally. The shock was felt throughout this region.

Wiggins Snowed In.
KINGSTON, Ont., Jan. 23.—The snow blockade prevented the sending of provisions into the Kingston timber district, and the lumbering shanties will probably be closed in consequence. D. G. Wiggins, of the Bethlehem Iron Company, is snowed in at the Iron Mines, and the residents there think he is Wiggins, the weather prophet, and refuse to shovel a path out for him.

A Wife Murderer Arraigned.
BOSTON, Jan. 23.—In the Supreme Court this afternoon, Richard Curry was arraigned for the murder of his wife Ellen, last September. The woman was shot upon the doorstep of her home on Tremont street. Curry pleaded not guilty, and William B. Gale was assigned as counsel. The trial will probably take place next month.

An Absconding Debtor Returned.
HAVERHILL, Mass., Jan. 23.—Charles A. Davis, who left town about three weeks ago with his goods badly embarrassed, was brought here to-night by an officer. Bail was secured.

Woman Suffrage Convention in Lowell, Mass.
LOWELL, Mass., Jan. 23.—The thirteenth convention of the National Women's Suffrage Association of Massachusetts was held here to-day. Addresses were made by Mr. H. Shattuck, Miss N. W. Covell, Mr. H. W. Robinson and Miss Phoebe Cousins.

The Portland Enfranchise.
PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 23.—An inquest was held this afternoon in the case of Charles Flynn, supposed to have been killed by his brother last night. Six witnesses were examined and the proceedings were suspended until to-morrow.

Fatal Gasoline.
SARATOGA, N. Y., Jan. 23.—Nathan D. Morey and Ludwick E. Green died from inhaling the fumes of gasoline this afternoon.

Safe Robbery in Trenton, Wis.
TRENTON, Wis., Jan. 23.—The store of E. & N. G. Blakelock was entered by burglars last night, who blew open the safe and stole \$1500, mostly the Town Treasurer's funds.

A Gloucester Fishing Schooner Supposed to be Lost with Fourteen Men.
GLOUCESTER, Mass., Jan. 21.—Schooner Knutsford, absent about eight weeks on a trip to Georges Bank, is given up by her owners. She was manned by a crew of fourteen men. There are two more vessels still overdue which will probably have to be added to the already too large list of lost schooners.

A young lady arrived at New Bedford on the barque Veronica, from Fayal, Sunday, who had been married by proxy to a young man she had never seen. He met her at the wharf and both parties seemed satisfied. This sort of thing is said to be common among the islanders. The courtship is carried on by friends, photographs are exchanged, the bridegroom sends a power of attorney to Fayal and a priest performs the ceremony.

The Astor ball was a rich and brilliant affair, as every one anticipated. It differed from ordinary balls in being the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the departure of the founder of the house from Holland. A genealogy of one century is not long, but is of relative importance in this country, and the coming to America of one's ancestor is certainly worth celebrating.

New Advertisements.

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J. W. HORTON, Agent.
Jan. 17th, 1884.

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